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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: Technology Transitions, GN Docket No. 13-5; Policies and Rules Governing Retirement of Copper Loops by Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, RM-11358

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce has a significant interest in keeping the Virginia economy strong and vibrant. Our members rely on government to ensure a level playing field on which all businesses can compete fairly. Laws and regulations that treat businesses within the same industry differently not only cause artificial market inefficiencies but also lead to discriminatory practices which hurt both business and consumers.

Artificial market inefficiencies inhibit critical capital investment and limit innovations that are often fueled by competition. Our members need the benefits of investment and innovation as they compete with companies here and in the international marketplace. And they need the benefits that result in the kinds of products and services that are supported by fiber optic networks such as Verizon's FiOS network -- products that are simply not possible or practical over the older, copper network. Such fiber networks offer the bandwidth, transmission speeds and reliability that become transformative assets for both businesses and consumers.

As a community builder, we focus on ways to strengthen businesses and the economic environment for those who work, live and do business in Arlington. We strive to make Arlington's businesses stronger and foster an environment where business can prosper. In many ways, the success of Arlington is directly tied to the success of its business community. And the success of the Arlington Chamber is directly tied to its membership base which relies on having choices in the communication products and services they purchase; choices that are cultivated in a competitive environment.

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The FCC has an important responsibility to continue to evolve Virginia toward a fully competitive marketplace in the face of rapidly changing technologies and consumer demands. Taking the broadest view of the market and the least restrictive approach to regulation will help keep Virginia in the forefront of technological advances and will best serve the interests of business and consumers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katharine Roche'.

Katharine Roche
President & CEO